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pean problem is extremely complex, and that "simplicist solutions" cannot be relied upon. It is better to wait and see, Dr. Stoddard appears to think, than to try to forecast in any degree the course of evolution. As a corrective to naïve ways of thinking, this is doubtless very well; but to-day, when issues seem to be constantly growing clearer and hopes higher, this sort of philosophy strikes one as unsatisfactorily platitudinous if not unduly pessimistic.

WAR PAPERS. New York: War Committee, the Chapel of the Comforter, 1917.

These Papers will form the nucleus of a valuable book on the war. To begin with, they show what the Churches may do to make clear the moral issues of the war, a great work which is, or ought to be, peculiarly theirs. Not only the immoral motives and purposes with which Germany began the war, but the profoundly immoral methods by which Germany is carrying on the war, are set forth with admirable lucidity; for each step, German authorities are quoted, and accurately quoted, with precise reference to chapter and verse.

We may illustrate both substance and method by quoting a few lines of Admiral von Goetzen's conversation with Admiral Dewey, at Manila in 1898:

About fifteen years from now, my country will start her great war. She will be in Paris about two months after the commencement of hostilities. Her move on Paris will be but a step to her real object—the crushing of England. . . . Some months after we finish our work in Europe, we will take New York, and probably Washington, and hold them for some time. We will put your country in its place, with reference to Germany. We do not propose to take any of your territory (?), but we do intend to take a billion or so of your dollars from New York and other places. The Monroe Doctrine will be taken charge of by us, as we will then have to put you in your place, and we will take charge of South America, as far as we wish to. . . . Don't forget this, and about fifteen years from now remember it, and it will interest you. (*Naval and Military Record*, No. 33, vol. LII, p. 578).

The war actually began sixteen years after this conversation, the exact date being determined, as shown in War Paper No. III, by the completion of the Kiel Canal, on June 24, 1914; four days later, war against Serbia was declared.

Many Americans, perhaps even many Senators and Congressmen, lack accurate and complete knowledge of the facts leading up to the war, which are summarized in these papers. Churches and Churchmen could do no more valuable work than to aid in circulating the War Papers of the Chapel of the Comforter; they can be had in numbers, at cost, for this purpose.